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Maintenance Tool Saves Time and Money

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In a water distribution system properly functioning valves are necessary. Valves are typically five feet below ground making needed maintenance both difficult and costly.

A nut on the valve allows the valve to be turned from above ground. Replacing a damaged nut is costly. A backhoe is needed to excavate and expose the valve. Often this is being done on or near a busy street, blocking a lane of traffic. Restoration of the excavated area adds to the cost of the repair, especially if a portion of the street has been removed. The average cost for a street excavation is \$2,000.

A 2010 demonstration of an "Extendible Operating Nut Removal and Replacement Wrench", also known as the "De-Nutter", was presented to the Distribution Group. The salesman claimed he could remove and replace a damaged valve nut without excavating to expose the valve. This seemed too good to be true. Following several successful demonstrations the Distribution Group was convinced and purchased the tool.

The initial \$4,000 investment for the tool and accessories has proven to be money well spent. In 2011 over thirty repairs were made using the De-Nutter. Using this innovative tool and avoiding costly excavations saved the Department over \$60,000.

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Meet Our New Employee — Kristen Fink

Q: *Where did you grow up and go to school?*

A: I grew up in Lake County and attended Mentor Schools. I attended Wright State University. My Mother & Father still live in Concord, brother in Macedonia.

Q: *What's the most interesting place you've been?*

A: Mexico - beautiful, fun & scary, visited Chichen Itza -Mayan ruins were cool

Q: *Do you have any pets?*

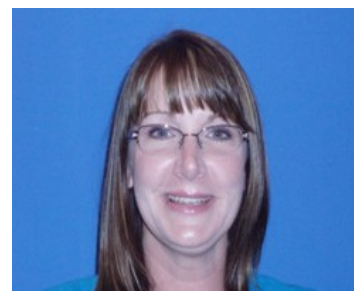
A: 2 kittens

Q: *What are your favorite hobbies or interests?*

A: My favorite hobbies are craft projects, cake decorating, gardening and Sudoku

Q: *What is your favorite after work activity?*

A. Play Volleyball, Jazzercise, go for a walk, play with my 2 girls



Kristen Fink
Superintendent
Solid Waste Facility

Meet Our New Employee — Rick Inghram

Q: *Where did you grow up and go to school?*

A: I grew up and went to school in Chardon.

Q: *Do you have any family in the area?*

A: All my family is in the area.

Q: *Briefly describe your past work experience?*

A: I've been in construction my whole life.

Q: *What's the best entertainment you've attended?*

A. People watching on Black Friday.

Q: *What are your favorite hobbies or interests?*

A: Cars. I collect anything with wheels.

Q: *What's the most interesting place you've been?*

A: Gatlinburg, Tennessee because there's a lot of history there.



Richard Inghram
Systems Maintenance
West Water Service Center

Meet Our New Employee — Andrew Siepka

Q: Where did you grow up and go to school?

A: I grew up in Eastlake and played football for South High School.

Q: What's the most interesting place you've been?

A: The Outer Banks in North Carolina. It was great just being by the ocean and doing some fishing and crabbing.

Q: What are your favorite hobbies or interests?

A: Fishing and hunting. I just enjoy being outdoors.

Q: What is your favorite after work activity?

A: Working out and running.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: My family has 2 Chesapeake Bay Retrievers named "Bailey & Chelsea".



Andrew Siepka

Systems Maintenance
West Water Service Center

Meet Our New Employee — Dennis Edmiston

Q: Where did you grow up and go to school?

A: I've lived in Perry my entire life.

Q: Do you have any family in the area?

A: I have three daughters: ages 8, 11 and 12.

Q: Briefly describe your past work experience?

A: I've worked for a tree service company and Bentley's Contracting. Most recently I was working in a cabinet shop.

Q: What is your favorite after work activity?

A: Running. I'm currently doing 6.5 miles a day and working towards participating in a triathlon.

Q: What's the most interesting place you've been?

A: Canada near Ottawa. The great outdoors. Went fishing and caught a 43" pike.

Q: Describe your dream job?

A: Probably a fishing guide.



Dennis Edmiston

Systems Maintenance
West Water Service Center

LCDU employees on the move...

Lauren Schuler - Inspector, Engineering Group

Ray Welch - Operator Trainee, West Water Treatment Plant

Karen Peterson - Operations Supervisor, GLK WRF

Cindy Leonello - Secretary, Administrative Group

Ken Bowling - Meter Reader Supervisor, West Water Service Center

LCDU Anniversaries (April - August 2012)

10 Year

Josh Ellis

Dave Hernandez

20 Year

Bill Chandler

8/19

30 Year

Tom Hanes

8/24

LCDU Retirees (Jan - April 2012)

Karen Goodin - 27.5 years



Dave Kenny - 26 years

Your many years of service and dedication are appreciated. Sincere congratulations and best wishes to all.

NEW ARRIVALS

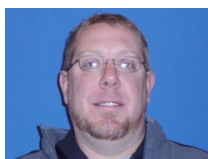


Bill Simone, West Water Service Center - "**Jennah Ada**" born 2/9/12

Kelly Stoneman, Billing/Customer Svc - "**Kenneth Mitchell**" born 3/5/12



Introducing Our New Employees...



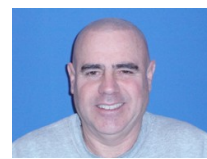
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West Water Treatment
Plant



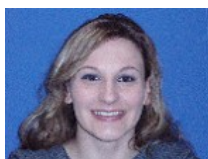
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West Water Treatment
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Jimmy Martin

Laborer
West Water Treatment
Plant



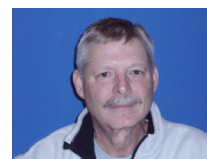
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Secretary
Engineering Group



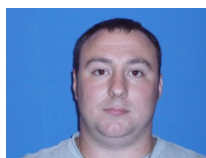
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Engineering Group



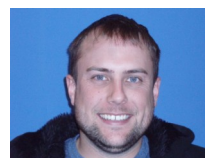
William Babcock

Inspector
Engineering Group



Michael Ward

Operator Trainee
GLK Water Reclamation
Facility



Daniel Watts

Operator Trainee
GLK Water Reclamation
Facility

...stay tuned for their interviews in future newsletters

LCDU Birthdays (April - August 2012)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Candi Coulter	4/4
Josh Larenty	4/6
Dale Moran	4/9
Dan Hambor	4/10
Randy Rothlisberger	4/10
Jerry Ondo	4/15
Barry Cvetko	4/20
Melanie Warren	4/23
Bob Taylor	4/24
Katie Graham	4/25
Tim Murphy	4/28

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Glen Oldaker	7/2
Mike Martin	7/3
Nate Zuege	7/4
Grant Glazier	7/5
Angela Keck	7/5
Karen Dickerson	7/9
Brad Frederick	7/9
Debbie Szampias	7/11
Marie Vanjo	7/16
Bill Babcock	7/17
Damian Sherwood	7/18
Rick Burnheimer	7/21
Mike Stephens	7/23
Frank Martin	7/24
Mark Yahner	7/26
Domanick Sherwood	7/27
Jay Spretino	7/28

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Robyn Needler	8/2
Josh Hattox	8/3
Tom Erkkila	8/5
Dale Anthony	8/8
Rich Slepka	8/10
Helen Hensley	8/12
Joel Jernejcic	8/13
Karen Peterson	8/15
Mary Jo Valaitis	8/16
Dave Mihalik	8/18
Vicki Thorsen	8/20
Keith McCloskey	8/23
Jerry Hagan	8/26
Cindy Leonello	8/27
Bob Shelby	8/28
Roland Skaggs	8/29
Jolene Ball	8/30

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Bob Bradac	6/5
Jim Needler	6/11
Rich Soden	6/11
Robert Yurchik	6/11
Bill McGonnell	6/12
Dave Hutchinson	6/15
Trevor Weaver	6/18
Allen Sherlock	6/20
Nancy Hamblin	6/23
Teresa Schnell	6/28

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Tom Orosz	5/1
Debera Douglas	5/2
Mark Murphy	5/2
Rob Edmonds	5/6
Jack Yahner	5/6
Grant White	5/8
Dean Moore	5/13
Bill Kuzma	5/15
Dave Kenny	5/18

